

# CONSTITUTION



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# CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

# Grand Lodge of Manitoba

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

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"No one is above, or beyond control of, the law."

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## GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

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I, WILLIAM G. SCOTT, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitution thereof, with all amendments adopted at the Twentieth Annual Communication of that body, held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 12th and 13th days of June, A. L. 5895, A. D. 1895.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature, and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Winnipeg, this Fifteenth day of June, A. L. 5895, A. D. 1895.

Wm. G. Scott

*Grand Secretary.*

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CONSTITUTION  
—OF THE—  
Grand Lodge of Manitoba  
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,  
—AS LAST—  
AMENDED AT ITS ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
IN JUNE, 1895.

THE GRAND LODGE.

TITLE AND SEAL.

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."
2. The following is hereby adopted as the Seal of this Grand Lodge :



## MEMBERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

3. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following officers and members, who shall be entitled to precedence, rank and title as follows :

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

The R. W. Grand Junior Warden.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number One.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Two.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Three.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Four.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Five.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Six.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Seven.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Eight.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Nine.

The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Ten.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Secretary.  
The R. W. Grand Registrar.  
The R. W. Grand Chaplain.  
The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.  
The V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.  
The V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
The V. W. Grand Organist.  
Eight V. W. Grand Stewards.  
The V. W. Grand Pursuivant.

The Grand Tyler, (who by virtue of his office shall not be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge).

The Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of all Chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction, and all Past Masters of Chartered Lodges under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges who are on June 15th, 1895, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The presence of the Representatives of three Chartered Lodges shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

At the close of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1897 the last paragraph of Section 3 is to stand repealed, and the following is to be substituted therefor, viz :

All Grand Officers, all Past elective Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, Past Masters who have filled the chair of W. Master in this jurisdiction, Masters and Wardens of Lodges, and all Past Masters who are, at the opening of the Grand Lodge in 1897, entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, and being subscribing members of Lodges.

The presence of the Representatives of three Chartered Lodges shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. Past Grand Officers rank (according to seniority) in the order of the offices formerly held by them, and immediately after the actual occupants of such offices respectively.

5. No brother shall be entitled to rank as a past grand officer unless, at the time of holding office, he was either Master or Past Master of a Lodge; nor unless he be affiliated with some Lodge bearing allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

6. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may by a unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

#### THE STATIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

7. The stations of the officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

IN THE EAST—The Grand Master (on the throne), having on his right the Deputy Grand Master, the Past Deputy Grand Masters (in order, the junior P. D. G. M. on the right of the D. G. M.) On the left of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters (the junior next to the Grand Master), and the Grand Chaplain.

IN THE WEST—The Grand Senior Warden, having on his right and left the Past Grand Senior Wardens.

IN THE SOUTH—The Grand Junior Warden, having on his right and left the Past Grand Junior Wardens.

In front of the Grand Master—On the right the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar; on the left the Past District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Senior Deacon in front of the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Junior Deacon in front of the Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Stewards in front of the Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Pursuivant inside and at the door of entrance to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Tyler without the entrance.

Masters and Wardens and Past Masters of Lodges upon the seats assigned to them.

**SOVEREIGNTY, JURISDICTION, POWER AND AUTHORITY.**

8. The Grand Lodge is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in this Province and the Districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government—legislative, executive and judicial —limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and by the provisions of its own constitution and regulations, but whenever a separate Grand Lodge shall be organized for any such District, the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba over such District shall thereupon cease.

9. Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not expressly delegated by itself to the Lodges ; and the constitution and regulations, which it has an inalienable right to adopt and promulgate at its own convenience, and to alter, amend or repeal at its own pleasure, under the limitations therein imposed, are final and binding upon all Lodges and Masons within its jurisdiction.

10. Its executive powers include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within this jurisdiction and in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists ; the revocation or suspension thereof ; the issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of

this Constitution ; and the exercise, generally, of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

11. Its judicial powers are of two kinds :

1st. *Original*—The enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction ; and the trial of complaints against any of the elective officers of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master.

2nd. *Appellate*—Embracing the revision of all matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction, and the hearing of appeals instituted as hereinafter provided for.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

12. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the second Wednesday of the month of June, at such place as shall have been decided on at the preceding annual communication of Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present at these communications, without permission of the Grand Master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the Grand Master, nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

13. No business shall be transacted at the annual communication, or at any emergent communication called for any other purpose than the performance of a masonic ceremony, unless there be representatives of at least three Lodges present.

14. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the jurisdiction, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his like absence, the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the craft shall, in their opinion, require it ; the particular reason for convening such Grand Lodge of

emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

15. If at any Grand Lodge Communication the Grand Master be absent, the Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present ; and if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge.

16. The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present ; in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or deputy presides ; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

17. The powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

18. No member of Grand Lodge shall have the right to attend therein without his proper clothing.

19. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule the Grand Lodge.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND  
LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

20. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened the Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business at the first session of the Annual Communication :

i. Reading and confirming minutes of previous communications.

ii. Reading and referring the Grand Master's Address.

iii. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

iv. Presenting Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and referring them to the Board of General Purposes.

v. Presenting report of Grand Treasurer and referring same to the Board of General Purposes.

vi. Presenting Report of the Grand Secretary and referring same to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

vii. Presenting Report of Librarian and referring same to the Committee on Library.

viii. Presentation of the Reports of the Board of General Purposes.

ix. Presentation of the Reports of the Standing Committees of the Board and dealing therewith in the following order :

(a). On Jurisprudence.

(b). On State of Masonry.

(c). On Foreign Correspondence.

(d). On Finance.

(e). On Benevolence and Charity.

(f). On Credentials and Receptions.

x. Presentation of the Reports of the Special Committees and dealing therewith in the following order :

(a). On Grand Master's Address.

(b). On Grand Lodge Library.

(c). On Lodges under Dispensation.

(d). On the Grand Secretary's Report.

xi. Motions in their order.

xii. Notices of Motion.

xiii. Unfinished Business.

At all other sessions of the Grand Lodge the order of business shall be :

1st. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.

2nd. Unfinished business from previous session.

3rd. Consideration of reports in the order in which they are presented.

4th. Presentation of reports of the Board of General Purposes.

5th. Presentation of reports of Special Committees.

6th. Motions, general business.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each session, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-third vote of Grand Lodge and not otherwise.

21. All matters, except where otherwise provided for, are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of the Grand Lodge (except the Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) not otherwise entitled to vote, one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equality ; unless the Grand Lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. When any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, which uplifted hands the Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number shall be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary ; but any five brethren may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken.

22. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

23. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

24. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master ; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to

order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order ; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

25. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave the Grand Lodge for that communication.

26. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother or at what he has said, shall be excluded the communication, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until at another time he publicly own his fault and grace be granted.

27. All motions before being put to the Grand Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and placed in the hands of the Grand Master.

28. No money grants shall be made, nor shall any motion be put involving the expenditure of money by Grand Lodge, on the last day of the communication, unless notice shall have been given the session previous.

29. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed having been given to the Grand Secretary two months previous to the annual communication of Grand Lodge, and inserted in the summons for that communication. No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made binding unless supported by two-thirds of the members present.

#### GRAND OFFICERS.

##### ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT.

30. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their office for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

31. The Grand Master, or presiding officer at the annual communication, shall appoint three or more scrutineers, who, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

32. The election of the officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the annual communication on the second day thereof, at an hour to be named at the previous session by the Grand Master, and those present shall be duly installed or invested and proclaimed in due and ancient form.

33. The following officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected, viz: By nomination to be handed to the Grand Secretary, and if more than one brother be nominated, then by ballot of Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Registrar.

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

By open vote of Grand Lodge :

The Grand Tyler.

34. The District Deputy Grand Master for each District shall be elected by the representatives of the Lodges and Past Masters of such district present at the annual communication by ballot, (the representatives and Past Masters voting in the same manner as upon the election of other officers,) and if confirmed by the Grand Master, he shall, if present, be regularly installed. In default of any election being made, the Grand Master elect

shall appoint a duly qualified brother as District Deputy Grand Master, who shall have the same rank and privileges as if he had been previously elected.

35. All other officers of Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master elect after his installation.

36. It shall require a majority of votes cast to elect.

37. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master, voting or participating in a vote, in either one of these capacities, shall vote or participate in a vote, in any other of them nor as Master or Warden of a Lodge ; but either of such members may as proxy for a Lodge, cast also the vote or votes to which such position entitles him.

38. When a Lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper officers, the officer highest in rank may cast two of its three votes.

39. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its proper officers, or by a representative, such officer or representative may cast all the votes to which it is entitled.

40. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

#### THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

41. No brother shall be qualified to hold any office in this Grand Lodge (except those of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and be at the time of his election or appointment a member of this Grand Lodge.

#### GRAND MASTER.

##### HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY.

42. The Grand Master, during the interval between the communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of charters. By virtue of these, authority is given him, among other things—

1st. To grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges.

2nd. To grant dispensations for the holding elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular period.

3rd. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants for the degrees, within a less period than the time prescribed by this Constitution.

4th. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions for degrees of persons who may not possess the qualification of residence prescribed. Provided that the consent of the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction over the candidate is first obtained.

5th. To grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution.

6th. To convene any Lodge, to preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its conformity to the Constitution.

7th. To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Lodge for good reasons shown, and suspend the operations thereof during his pleasure.

8th. To suspend any officer of any Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown, during his pleasure.

9th. To require the attendance of, and information from any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office.

10th. To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from them.

11th. To decide all questions of order and masonic law.

12th. To dedicate masonic halls, to lay corner stones of masonic halls, public buildings and other structures.

13th. To appoint such officers as may be required by this Constitution.

43. The Grand Master may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent this Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with such rank as this Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

44. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens are also to act as Wardens for that particular Lodge during his presence ; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

45. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

46. The Grand Master may, through the Grand Secretary, summon any Lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the charter, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient reason given for non-compliance such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons ; if such last summons be not attended to, such Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge. All summonses must have the impress of the Grand Lodge Seal affixed.

47. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Master.

48. In case of the death, absence, or inability of the Grand Master, or of a vacancy in his office, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden will in succession assume his prerogatives powers and duties for such purposes.

## HIS DUTIES.

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master :

1st. To preside in the Grand Lodge at all its communications.

2nd. To present, at each annual communication a written message, therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Order.

3rd. To constitute all chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative, in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations.

4th. To exercise a general and careful supervision over the craft, and see that the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed.

5th. To discharge all the necessary executive functions of the Grand Lodge when that body is not in session.

6th. To cause the ancient landmarks and charges to be observed, and to do and perform the duties of ancient Grand Masters, agreeably to the requirements of Masonry and this Grand Lodge.

7th. To examine all by-laws of subordinate lodges and approve same if found correct. When so approved they shall have full force and effect.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

## HIS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

50. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit, with the District Deputy Grand Master on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. The Grand Wardens

if present are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance therein ; but if the Grand Wardens be not present then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as Wardens, *pro tempore*.

#### HIS DUTIES.

51. The duties of the Deputy Grand Master shall be : To assist the Grand Master as he may direct; and, in the cases provided for by the foregoing section, to exercise all the prerogatives and perform all the duties of Grand Master.

#### GRAND WARDENS.

52. When the actual Grand Wardens, are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the Senior Past Grand Warden present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Warden be present the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Warden for that occasion.

53. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

##### THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

54. District Deputy Grand Masters must be Past Masters, and resident within, and members of Lodges located in their respective districts, and must not be at the time of their appointment, nor during their term of office, Masters of Lodges.

##### THEIR POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

55. Each District Deputy Grand Master has full authority, in the absence of the Grand Master, and of the Deputy Grand Master, to preside in every Lodge he visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

56. Any District Deputy Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother within his district to attend him, and to produce the charter, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of any brother. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued ; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the Lodge or brother, until the will of the Grand Master (to whom he shall immediately report such suspension) be made known.

57. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another within his District, but not from his District into another, nor from another district into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Master.

#### THEIR DUTIES.

58. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to exercise a general supervision over the craft in his district ; he shall visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office, and see that such Lodges are working properly, and that returns have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office, with all fees and dues that may have accrued ; and on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such returns and payments, he may suspend such Lodge.

59. All dispensations for festivals and public processions shall be applied for through the District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Secretary, who shall at once transmit the application to the Grand Master.

60. If a District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to proceed on any case or business which may be sent for his decision, within a reasonable time, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. An appeal, in all cases, lies from a District Deputy Grand Master, to the Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes or the Grand Lodge.

61. Each District Deputy Grand Master is required to submit to the Grand Master, at least fourteen days prior to the annual communication, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his official acts, of the Lodges visited by him, and their condition, and generally the state of Masonry within his district, together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since his last return.

62. He may appoint a District Chaplain and Secretary, during pleasure, but they shall have no rank in Grand Lodge by virtue of such office.

#### RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

63. District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for one year to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive by vote of Grand Lodge, the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

#### LIMITS OF DISTRICTS.

64. The limits of each District shall comprise such territory as may be designated by Grand Lodge.

#### GRAND TREASURER.

65. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all the moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce a statement of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication, or when called for by the Committee on Finance who shall annually make their report thereon to the Board of General Purposes.

66. The Grand Treasurer shall keep in some regularly chartered bank in the city of Winnipeg to be selected by the Committee on Finance, all the moneys, notes, bonds or other securities, that may come into his possession as Grand Treasurer. The account in said bank shall be kept in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and no payments shall be made unless on warrants drawn by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary. All cheques shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, or in his absence by the President of the Board of General Purposes.

## GRAND SECRETARY.

67. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:—

1st. To record all the transactions of the Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written ; and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each communication under such instructions as may be given by the Grand Lodge or Board of General Purposes.

2nd. To receive, duly syle and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Lodge, and to present such as may require its action at each communication thereof.

3rd. To collect all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same at least monthly into the bank account of the Grand Lodge as provided in Section 66, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Treasurer.

4th. To report, at each annual communication, a detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived ; and to present therewith the receipts of the Bank therefor.

5th. To report at each annual communication all Lodges which shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge, or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of its Constitution and Regulations.

6th. To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to submit copies thereof at each annual communication, for its inspection.

7th. To attend the Grand Lodge at all its communications, and the Grand Master, when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office.

8th. To transmit to each Lodge within the jurisdiction, once in every six months, a list of all rejections, suspensions, expulsions and restorations of which he shall have been notified by the several Lodges.

9th. To issue notices of any communication of Grand Lodge to all members thereof and to each Lodge.

10th. To issue notices to each Lodge of the granting of a dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge.

11th. To take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge.

12th. To furnish every Grand officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

13th. To act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of the Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

14th. To report, at each annual communication, all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge; and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

15th. To perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Grand Lodge may direct.

68. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, by guarantee policy, in such penal sum as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in this Constitution.

69. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct.

#### GRAND REGISTRAR.

70. The Grand Registrar shall have the custody of the Seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorize the Grand Secretary to affix, the same to all charters, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by authority of the Grand Lodge, together with such as the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, may direct.

#### GRAND CHAPLAIN.

71. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all Communications of Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion.

#### OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

72. The Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Stewards, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, shall, if possible, attend every communication of the Grand Lodge, and shall perform the duties ordinarily assigned to such officers.

73. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

74. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none ex-

cept those who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects qualified, be admitted.

75. Eight Grand Stewards shall be annually appointed for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

#### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

##### MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, ETC.

76. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and sixteen others, eight of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge each year, and shall hold office for two years from the date of election, and who must be either Masters or Past Masters of private lodges and members of Grand Lodge. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

77. The names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination as members of the Board are to be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary on the first day of the assembling of Grand Lodge in annual communication in order that all names so to be proposed shall be by the Grand Secretary conspicuously posted near the entrance to Grand Lodge, in the ante-room, previous to the election, and printed slips shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with the names of the brethren so nominated thereon, in time to distribute same to the members of Grand Lodge before the election of officers shall take place.

78. The Board shall annually elect from its members, by ballot, the President, Vice-President, the standing Committees on Jurisprudence, the State of Masonry, Foreign Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Benevolence and Charity, and Credentials and Reception, for the Masonic year.

79. If the President, Vice-President or any other member of the Board die, or be removed, or leave the jurisdiction, the vacancy shall be filled by ballot of the Board at its next meeting. Notice of such election shall be given in the summons issued for the next meeting of the Board.

80. Should the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the Board shall appoint a Chairman *pro tempore*.

81. A regular meeting of the Board shall be held within ten days after the close of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of electing the President, Vice-President, and the several standing committees, and for the transaction of other business.

82. Regular meetings of the Board shall also be held on the third Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October in each year, at such place as may be designated by the Board at its previous meeting, or in case the place of meeting shall not be designated, then at such place as the President may appoint. Any meeting may be adjourned for further consideration of the business, and may also be convened at other times by the Grand Master or President.

83. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board, and may proceed to business, except in the decision of Masonic complaints, for which purpose at least seven members must be present. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, in case of equality, having a second vote.

84. The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension according to the laws; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. Notice of any such intended appeal shall be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within fourteen days of

the receipt by the Lodge, or brother, of the decision of the Board of General Purposes on the case. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a Lodge or the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to Grand Lodge.

85. The Board may summon any Lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the charter, books, papers, and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of a brother. If such Lodge or brother do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy the Lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

86. When the Board has investigated and decided on any case which in its judgment requires admonition or suspension, the fact alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minute, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto quoted, and the decision recorded and acted upon.

87. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

88. The members of the Board shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

89. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and give orders for any alterations that may be considered desirable.

90. The Board or any of its Committees, may summon the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, or other officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge, to attend the Board, or meeting of such Committee, when such directions shall be given as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

91. The books of the Grand Lodge shall be closed on the thirty-first day of December in each year, and at a special meeting of the Board thereafter the account and balance sheet, together with a list of the contributions, a statement of funds in hand, and of all property belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall be presented and audited before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge by two of its members, who shall have been appointed on or before the thirty-first day of December, one by the Grand Master and the other by the Baard of General Purposes, after which they shall be printed and transmitted to each Lodge.

92. The Board has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements.

93. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the communications of the Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies, etc. It shall also give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for the Grand Lodge, but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred, without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge.

94. The Board has likewise the care and regulation of all the concerns of the Grand Lodge, and may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the craft; and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Lodge, and the arrangements of its general transactions.

95. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board, unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

96. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or other boards or committees, or any private Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

97. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

98. The Standing Committees shall report through the Board to Grand Lodge.

99. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in a minute book by the Grand Secretary.

100. No remuneration shall be given to any member of the Board except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

101. The Board shall, at its meeting, as provided in Section 81, elect five of its members to serve upon each of its Standing Committees.

102. Each committee shall at once proceed to elect its chairman for the current year, who shall receive all reports, etc. to be submitted to the committee, call the members together for consultation at such time and place as to him shall be deemed best, preside at such meetings, and communicate the decisions of the committee to the Board of General Purposes, and when necessary to the officers of Grand Lodge concerned.

103. Any Committee of the Board of General Purposes may summon any Lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the charter, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such Lodge or brother do not comply, the Committee shall report such non-compliance to the Board of General Purposes for its action thereon.

104. In case of any matter affecting a member of a Committee, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Committee is occupied with the investigation thereof.

105. No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind, shall be received by any Committee unless it be in writing.

106. All communications from any Committee shall be in writing.

107. The various Committees shall consider all matters submitted to them during the recess of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master or the Board of General Purposes ; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to submit to the several Committees the reports of the Grand Officers, and all correspondence relating to matters under their respective jurisdictions, at least ten days before the annual communications of the Grand Lodge.

108. If it be deemed necessary, the Grand Secretary shall attend any meeting of any such Committee.

109. No Committee shall sit while the Grand Lodge is in actual session, unless on leave expressly obtained from the Grand Master.

110. No remuneration shall be given to any member of any Committee except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

111. All vacancies occurring in Committees shall be filled by the Board of General Purposes.

#### COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

112. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider all questions of Masonic Law and usage which may at any time arise in the jurisdiction, and which shall have been referred to it for examination, and report the result to the Board of General Purposes in the form of an expression of opinion ; to consider all proposed amendments to the Constitution ; and examine all complaints and appeals to be brought before Grand Lodge, and report thereon to the Board of General Purposes.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

113. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the State of Masonry to carefully examine all reports, returns, proceedings, correspondence, etc., received by the Grand Secretary from the

District Deputy Grand Masters and the various Lodges during the year, and report such irregularities as may appear, to the Board of General Purposes, and to annex to the report recommendations expressing any action it may deem necessary.

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

114. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report to the Board of General Purposes all matters of special interest to the craft ; to enquire into and examine the character and status of Foreign Grand Lodges which may appear in the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, or that may be derived from other sources, since the last annual communication ; and should any subject demand an expression of the Grand Lodge, the Committee shall append to its report such resolutions as will express the sentiment it entertains, and for which reasons have been given in the report.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

115. The Committee on Finance shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge ; and shall be empowered to and directed to examine from time to time the accounts and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and report thereon to the Board of General Purposes when required. All claims and accounts except those provided for by special order of Grand Lodge, shall, before payment, be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Finance, and when found correct a warrant for their discharge shall be issued on the Grand Treasurer.

#### COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

116. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity to examine and report on all claims made for assistance or relief, and to recommend as to the disposal of the charitable fund of the Grand Lodge. To prepare a record of all benevolent and relief funds in the jurisdiction, provided by or under control of the Grand Lodge ; and submit an annual

report thereon to Grand Lodge ; and further to consider all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic benevolence, and the relief of the poor and distressed.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

117. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Credentials and Reception to examine the credentials of all delegates to the Grand Lodge, and the reception and accommodation of visitors ; and further to report such recommendations as it may deem proper for the efficient discharge of their duties ; to attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge at the annual communication for the purpose of guarding with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified ; to see that they wear proper clothing and jewels, that they have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

118. The following Committees shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes at least ten days previous to each annual communication of Grand Lodge :

- On Grand Master's Address.
- On the Grand Lodge Library.
- On Lodges Under Dispensation.

#### COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

119. To this Committee shall be referred the Address of the Grand Master for comment and distribution.

#### COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

120. This Committee shall examine the report of the Grand Librarian and the condition of the library, and shall advance all necessary suggestions for the best interests and furtherance of the library.

## COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

121. To this Committee shall be referred the minute and other books of Lodges U. D. It shall also investigate all cases of forfeited charters; and no application for charters shall be acted upon unless the work has been found in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

## FEES.

122. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge:

For a Dispensation for a new Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a Charter, thirty-five dollars.

The above fees to include a set of books and Lodge seal,

For a new Charter, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified as beyond the control of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age, thirty dollars.

For a Dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation to initiate a person from without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, five dollars.

For a Dispensation for any public procession, one dollar.

For a Dispensation for any other purpose, ten dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate, two dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate, to replace one lost or cancelled, one dollar.

For a Past Master's Certificate, one dollar.

For a Life Member's Certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, two dollars registration fee.

Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, fifty cents per annum.

123. Each Lodge shall pay in all fees and dues half-yearly to the Grand Secretary with its returns, viz : within one week after June 24th and December 27th of each year.

#### CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA.

124. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft :

125. No honorary or other jewel shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, which shall not appertain to the degrees of craft Masonry. (Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges may wear the regalia authorized by their Grand Lodge.)

#### JEWELS.

*The Grand Master* . . . . . The compass extended  $45^{\circ}$ , with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye, irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.

*Past Grand Master* . . . . . A similar jewel without the gold plate.

*Deputy Grand Master* . . . . . The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the centre.

*Past Deputy Grand Master* . . . . . The compasses and square only.

*Grand Senior Warden* . . . . . The level.

*Grand Junior Warden* . . . . . The plumb.

*District Deputy Grand Master.* The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which the name of the district is to be engraved.

*Past District Deputy Grand Master* ..... The same omitting the five pointed star in the centre.

*Grand Treasurer* ..... A chased key.

*Grand Secretary* ..... Crossed pens, with a tie.

*Grand Registrar* ..... A scroll.

*Grand Chaplain* ..... A book on a triangle.

*Grand Deacons* ..... Dove and olive branch.

*Grand Director of Ceremonies* .. Cross-rods

*Grand Organist* ..... A lyre.

*Grand Pursuivant* ..... Arms of the Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and Grand Pursuivant are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn ; and that of the Grand Junior Deacon to be similar to those of their senior and superior officers, the wreath on the band being omitted.

The jewel of a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge, is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

*Grand Tyler* ..... The sword in a circle on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Grand Tyler."

All of the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

*Master of Lodge* ..... The Square.

*Past Master* ..... The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition, 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendant within it.

*Senior Warden* ..... The level.

*Junior Warden* ..... The plumb.

*Treasurer* ..... The keys.

*Secretary* ..... The cross pens.

*Chaplain* ..... A book on a triangle.

*Deacons* ..... The dove.

*Director of Ceremonies* ..... The cross rods.

*Organist* ..... The lyre.

*Inner Guard* ..... The cross swords.

*Stewards* ..... The Cornucopia.

*Tyler* ..... The sword.

All of the above jewels to be of silver.

#### COLLARS.

127. *Of the Grand Lodge* ..... To be of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.

*Of Lodges* ..... To be sky blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the blue ribbon.

The Grand Stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Masters (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collars of their late officers, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel, in enamel being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

128. The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven eared wheat at each corner, and also on the flap: all in gold embroidery: the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The aprons of the District Deputy Grand Masters to have the emblem of their office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the acacia and seven eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side.

*Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past.* Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom, lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

*Grand Stewards, Present and Past.* .... Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

*The Masters and Past Masters*

*of Lodges* . . . . . To wear in lieu and in place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles ; the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch ; these emblems to be half an inch broad. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

*Entered Apprentice* . . . . . A plain white lambskin of the same dimensions, without ornament : white strings.

*Fellow Craft* . . . . . A plain white lambskin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky blue rosettes at the bottom.

*Master Mason* . . . . . The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in the centre of the apron.

Sections 127 and 128 not to apply to Lodges that have adopted a regalia, "nor to Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, which lodge shall be permitted to adopt the regalia as prescribed in sections 127 and 128 with the addition of the name and number of the lodge in a circle with silver letters on a sky-blue ground on the fall or flap of the apron instead of the usual rosette."

129. In the Grand Lodge, and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following regalia :

*Grand Master* . . . . . Chain with nine stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered, and jewel.

*Deputy Grand Master* . . . . Chain with seven stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered, and jewel.

*Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens* . . . . Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound and jewel.

*District Deputy Grand Master* . Blue collar or chain with five stars, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered, and jewel.

*Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary Grand Registrar and Grand Chaplain* . . . . Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound, and jewel.

*All other Grand Officers* . . . . Blue collar and apron, all bound, and jewel.

## TRIALS AND APPEALS.

130. The tribunals for the hearing and determining of charges of unmasonic conduct, and Masonic differences generally, shall be as follows:—

131. I. THE GRAND LODGE—whose jurisdiction shall be—

(a) Original.

(b) Appellate.

(a) The Grand Lodge shall have original and ultimate jurisdiction to try and determine all charges which may be preferred during their term of office against any of its officers, except the Grand Master, for any offence of commission or omission in their official capacity.

No charge shall be brought against the Grand Master during his term of office; but on the expiration of such term charges may be laid against him as against any other brother, even for acts performed while holding office.

(b) An appeal shall be allowed to the Grand Lodge from the decision of any other Masonic tribunal.

132. II. THE GRAND MASTER—Who shall have original jurisdiction to try and determine all differences between a Lodge or any of its members in one Masonic district, and another Lodge or a member of another Lodge within any other Masonic district, or complaints against any D.D.G.M.

133. III. THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS—Who shall have original jurisdiction to try and determine all complaints preferred against the Master of any Lodge within their respective districts, and all differences between Lodges or between members of different Lodges in such districts.

134. IV. SUBORDINATE LODGES—Each of which shall take cognizance of, try and determine all complaints preferred against

any one of its members (except the Worshipful Master) by any other of its members.

135. The Grand Lodge alone shall have the power of expelling a brother from Masonry.

PRESENTATION OF CHARGES.

136. All complaints shall be made in writing, with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the offence alleged, and as nearly as may be practicable, the time and place of its commission, and shall be signed by the accuser, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, and must be a member of the Lodge to which the complaint is presented; or in case a private Lodge be the complainant, by the Master of the complaining Lodge, and the Master shall, in proper cases, direct the Junior Warden to prefer charges.

137. A copy of the complaint, together with a notice stating the date at which such complaint will be presented or filed, shall be served upon the brother (or in the case of a Lodge upon the Master or Secretary) against whom the complaint is preferred, at least ten days before the same is to be presented or filed; and the original of such complaint shall, with a duly attested certificate of the service thereof, be presented or filed at the time so stated—if the complaint be within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master, with the Grand Secretary; if the complaint be within the jurisdiction of a District Deputy Grand Master, with such District Deputy Grand Master; and if within the jurisdiction of a private Lodge, then with the Secretary of such private Lodge. When complaints are laid before the Grand Lodge, or before a private Lodge, Grand Lodge, or such private Lodge shall, at its first regular or next succeeding meeting held after the presentation or filing of the complaint, of which complaint all the members of the Lodge shall be notified in the notice calling such meeting, decide by a majority vote by ballot whether the complaint be of such a nature

as to require the accused to answer thereto ; and if by such ballot it be decided that it is not of such a nature, the complaint thereby shall be dismissed, but if by such ballot it be decided that it is of such a nature, then within ten days after Grand Lodge or the private Lodge has so decided, the accused shall be notified thereof and shall be bound in person or by counsel to fyle his defence, having first served a copy thereof upon the complainant, who may within three days thereafter serve and fyle a reply thereto, and if no reply be received and fyled within that time, the complainant shall be considered as having taken issue with the accused on his defence.

138. All services shall be made either in person or by mail (registered post-paid) to the last address of the party to be served ; and if by mail sufficient delay, in addition to that already specified, shall be allowed to permit of an answer being received by mail.

139. Except in cases before the Grand Lodge, or before a private Lodge, the accused shall be bound to appear in person or by counsel within ten days after the complaint has been fyled, and to fyle his defence, having first served a copy thereof upon the complainant, who may within three days thereafter serve and fyle a reply, and in default of so doing the parties shall be considered as at issue.

140. Where a complaint has been made against a private Lodge, the Secretary thereof shall give notice of the same in the summons for the next regular communication thereof held not less than ten days after service of the complaint ; and at such regular communication such Lodge shall determine if they desire further counsel, who in addition to the Worshipful Master shall represent such Lodge as counsel, and shall decide upon the defence to be made ; which defence shall within ten days after such regular communication, be fyled with the proper tribunal, and a reply thereto may be fyled within three days thereafter, and in default of a reply the parties shall be considered at issue.

141. If any Lodge, or its Master, and Wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts, to the Grand Master, his Deputy, or any board or committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not comply, or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such Lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

142. The issues being complete, notice shall be given by the tribunal seized of the matter, to both complainant and accused, appointing a time and place for the trial.

143. A Lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

144. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition, or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge only, to expulsion.

145. For any violation of the ancient landmarks of the Order, of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, of the by-laws of his Lodge, or of any portion of the Masonic or moral law, a member, or any other Mason within the jurisdiction of a Lodge, may after due trial, be reprimanded, suspended, or reported to the Grand Lodge for expulsion.

#### WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY.

146. The evidence shall, in matters before the Grand Lodge or before private Lodges, be taken in writing by a committee consisting of not less than three brethren, to be appointed for that purpose by Grand Lodge or such private Lodge, who shall

report the same within such time as may with justice to the parties be ordered by the tribunal ; but they shall report no opinion.

147. In cases before the Grand Master, he may depute three Past Masters in good standing to receive evidence.

148. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall themselves receive evidence in cases within their jurisdiction.

149. The tribunal seized of any case may order such delays as may to justice appertain, for further proceedings, and may extend the time for pleading and answering pleas.

150. In the case of complaints within the (original) jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, if he finds it necessary so to do, suspend the accused party from office until the holding of the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

151. Witnesses shall give their testimony on their honor, and if not Masons, should be vouched for as to credibility by a Mason before being heard.

152. So soon as the evidence on both sides has been closed the tribunal having cognizance of the case shall order the parties to appear before it at such time and place as the tribunal may direct for the hearing upon the merits of the issues raised, and if either party neglect or refuse, after due service, to attend either in person or by counsel, which counsel must be a Master Mason in good standing, the tribunal may proceed in his absence and may, if it see fit, appoint a competent brother to act as counsel for the defence.

#### THE VERDICT.

153. The evidence having been reported and the parties having been heard, they shall, with their respective counsel, withdraw ; and the tribunal shall proceed to adjudge upon the merits ; and if the complaint be held to be well founded, to award sentence.

154. Every Lodge has the power of suspending a member for disobedience of its orders or summonses for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended, together with the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.<sup>4</sup>

155. The Grand Lodge or a private Lodge in adjudging upon the merits, shall do so by ballot, and a two-thirds vote of those present shall be necessary for conviction. In the case of conviction the sentence to be awarded shall be determined by a second ballot, on which ballot the sentence declared by the largest number of votes cast, shall be carried out, subject to appeal, and in case it be deemed that expulsion from the Order should be the punishment to be awarded, the judgment shall be reported (with the record) to Grand Lodge for decision.

#### APPEALS.

156. The tribunal before which the complaint was heard shall fix the amount of all costs of taking evidence and other costs incurred in Masonic trials, which shall, unless otherwise ordered, be paid by the losing party within a certain time appointed by such tribunal, and who may, in default of payment, be suspended from all Masonic privileges until the same have been paid.

157. No sentence, by any other tribunal than the Grand Lodge, shall be carried out until at least fifteen days after notice of the awarding of the same has been served upon the losing

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<sup>4</sup>The term *expelled* is used only when a brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge. Upon the removal of a brother from a subordinate Lodge, the term *suspended* only is applicable.

party ; who shall, within such time, if he desire to appeal from the judgment, file with the Grand Secretary a notice of such appeal, with a certificate of service thereof upon the opposite party.

158. Within ten days after the service of such notice of appeal, the tribunal on whom the same has been served shall deposit in the office of the Grand Secretary, all papers, documents and evidence forming the record of the trial, which record shall thereafter remain among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

159. The Grand Secretary shall allow any interested party either personally or by counsel, to examine such record at the office of said Grand Secretary during office hours, and to take copies of any portion thereof.

160. The appeal shall come before the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication following the fifteenth day after the deposit of the record as aforesaid, and either party may either personally or by competent counsel, appear before Grand Lodge therein : but neither party nor their counsel shall vote upon such appeal.

161. No addition to the record shall be permitted on appeal, unless ordered by Grand Lodge.

#### REVISIONS, REVERSALS AND RESTORATIONS.

162. All transcripts of trial records, required to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, shall by him be forwarded to the Board of General Purposes, who shall examine them, with such additional evidence in writing, if any, as may be presented, and shall report thereon to the Grand Lodge at the next succeeding annual communication ; and upon such report the Grand Lodge may affirm, modify, or reverse the judgment of the Lodge, or may make such other order relative thereto as shall be deemed proper.

163. Whenever a judgment or suspension shall be reversed and set aside by the Grand Lodge, the brother who had been suspended shall be at once again entitled to all his rights and privileges as a member of the Lodge.

164. All sentences of suspension shall be for an indefinite period : and a Lodge may, at any stated meeting, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, annul any sentence of suspension pronounced by itself, and restore the Mason thus suspended to all his Masonic rights and privileges ; provided that notice of a resolution for such restoration shall have been given at the regular meeting next preceding. And in case of such restoration, the Secretary shall at once notify the restored party and the Grand Secretary thereof.

165. The Grand Lodge may, at any annual communication, if good cause therefor be shown, and proof be given of the notice hereinafter prescribed, restore to the rights and privileges of Masonry any Mason who has been suspended or expelled within its jurisdiction ; but such restoration shall not restore him to membership in the Lodge by which he was suspended.

166. Whenever any Mason, suspended for unmasonic conduct, desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall first make application for such restoration to the Lodge by which he was suspended, if it still be in existence. If his application be there refused, or if the Lodge be not still in existence, it may then be made to the Grand Lodge, provided that notice in writing be given to such Lodge, and also to the Grand Lodge of such intended application, not less than forty days preceding the annual communication and before said petition shall be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof of the giving said notice to the Lodge, if in existence, shall be furnished.

167. Whenever any expelled Mason desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall, in writing notify the Lodge of which he was

last a member, if it still be in existence, of his intention so to do, at least sixty days before the annual communication at which his petition is to be presented, accompanying said notice with a copy of such intended petition; and before said petition shall be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof of the giving said notice to the Lodge if in existence, shall be furnished.

168. Whenever any Lodge desires to petition the Grand Lodge for the restoration of an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry, the Master thereof shall give due notice to all the members of his Lodge, so far as practicable, of such intended action and of the stated meeting at which it will be had; and at such meeting he shall cause to be recorded the fact that such notice was thus duly given. The votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to authorize the presentation of such petition to the Grand Lodge.

169. No suspension, expulsion or restoration shall be published otherwise than as hereinbefore provided, except by authority of the Grand Lodge or by order of the Grand Master.

#### SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

170. A Lodge may suspend a member for the non-payment of his dues, the procedure to be as follows: When a member neglects to pay his dues for one year after the expiration of the Masonic year, during which the same became due, or after the date provided for payment of dues by the By-laws, then, unless the dues have been remitted by a vote of the Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master, at a regular meeting within six months thereafter, to direct the Secretary to notify the delinquent, by registered letter to his last known address, to appear at the next regular meeting and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Should the delinquent fail to appear at the appointed time, or appearing, fail to pay his dues or fail to give the Lodge a satisfactory reason for his delinquency, and procure to be granted by a vote of the Lodge

a further specified time for such payment, then the Worshipful Master shall formally declare him suspended from the privileges of Masonry; but payment of dues at the appointed time, or such other specified time shall discontinue further proceedings.

171. When a Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues in this or any other jurisdiction, he is during such suspension deprived of all the privileges of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

172. If within one year from the date of suspension the delinquent brother shall pay the amount due at the date of suspension, the Master shall, without a vote of the Lodge, declare him reinstated, which fact shall be entered on the records and entitle him to full membership in the Lodge.

173. If such payment is not made within one year from the date of suspension he can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the Lodge upon a petition therefor. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and must not be acted upon before the next regular meeting thereafter, notice of such petition having been inserted in the notice calling such meeting. On petition there need be no recommendation nor committee of investigation appointed.

174. If such dues are paid with a view to restoration and restoration is refused by a vote of the Lodge, the money so paid shall be refunded.

175. If at any time a petition for restoration is presented to the Lodge accompanied by an application for a dimit the petitioner shall be restored without a vote and a dimit granted upon such petition for restoration.

176. All petitions for restoration must be accompanied by amount of dues in arrears at date of suspension, or such other sum as the Lodge may by resolution decide to accept.

177. A Mason under suspension is not entitled to receive Masonic charity or Masonic burial.

178. No Lodge or Grand Lodge dues shall accrue against a Mason during the term of his suspension.

### LODGES.

#### COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.

179. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charter, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

180. The officers of a Lodge are the Master and his two Wardens, with their assistants, the two Deacons and Tyler; to which for the better regulation of the private concerns of the Lodge, are to be added a Treasurer and Secretary. A Chaplain, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Inner Guard and Stewards may also be added, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed.

#### POWERS.

181. The powers and duties of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, and by the general regulations of Masonry; and they are defined as follows:

1st. *Executive*—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master; and in all other matters, in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

2nd. *Legislative*—Including all matters of legislation, relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or its own particular by-laws.

3rd. *Judicial*.—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of controversies between them; subject always to a revision by the Grand Lodge on appeal.

182. Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and, when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

183. If any brother behave in such manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be twice formally admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished according to the by-laws of that particular Lodge, or the case may be reported to higher Masonic authority.

#### DUTIES.

184. The by-laws of the Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the members.

185. The Master of every Lodge is to cause the ancient charges and regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private Lodges, and the by-laws of his Lodge, to be read in open Lodge once every year.

186. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names *before entering the Lodge*, and a similar book or a portion of the same book for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank and the name of their mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

187. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a Lodge, must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

188. Each Lodge shall provide the several books required to be kept by the Secretary, which shall be prepared in accordance with forms to be provided.

189. RETURNS—1. Each Lodge shall make returns semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, on the blanks furnished by him, according to the instructions accompanying the same.

2. Returns shall include a list of officers, an alphabetical list of Past Masters, Master Masons, Fellow-Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, and all work done during the previous half year, with the changes in membership.

3. Returns shall be made in duplicate, and in ink—one copy retained and preserved by the Lodge Secretary, and the other forwarded to the Grand Secretary within one week after June 24th and December 27th in each year.

4. The Grand Secretary shall cause to be printed in the annual proceedings only such returns as are made with reasonable accuracy and are legibly written.

5. Each Lodge shall also forward to the Grand Secretary the dues or other indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, within one week after June 24th and December 27th in each year.

190. Each Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary read in open Lodge at

the regular meeting next following their receipt, which communications shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

191. Each Lodge shall by its by-laws provide that a member one year in arrears of dues shall have no right to vote or hold office in his Lodge ; and may make such regulations for enforcing the payment of dues as shall not conflict with this Constitution.

192. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among Freemasons, some members of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient.

193. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therem, and also in making the return of its members; as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name be duly registered.

194. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of Masonry, through the neglect of their Lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the Grand Lodge, and which had been paid to the Lodge for specific appropriation.

195. No jewel shall be worn in a subordinate Lodge other than those specified for the officers, or for past or present officers of Grand Lodge, except such honorary and other jewel as shall appertain to, or be consistent with, the degrees of Craft Masonry.

196. No Lodge shall recognize any body, purporting to be a Masonic Lodge, which shall be held within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, without authority from such Grand Lodge; nor shall any Lodge, or any member thereof, admit or hold any Masonic intercourse with a member of any such body.

197. No Lodge shall recognize as a Mason any person who, being at the time a resident of this province, has received, or claims to have received the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without the proper permission, until the Lodge nearest his place of residence shall have received him as a member. The proper permission, above mentioned, may only be given by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, and in the manner necessary for an election to receive the degrees.

198. No Lodge or officer, or member of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate of recommendation, to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

#### MEETINGS.

199. The regular days of meeting of the Lodge shall be specified by the by-laws.

200. A Lodge of emergency may, at any time, be called by summons, giving seven clear days' notice, by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. A Lodge of emergency, for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother, may be called at any time without the ordinary seven days' notice, by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, by the Senior Warden, or in his absence by the Junior Warden, but not without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and afterwards recorded in the

minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

201. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or charter, unless notice shall have been given at a regular meeting that a resolution of such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such succeeding regular meeting ; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge, Grand Master, or (if from one place to another within his district) the District Deputy Grand Master.

202. All the business of the Lodge must be conducted in the third degree.

#### ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

203. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist; and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist, or at any other time by dispensation of the Grand Master, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

204. In case any Lodge shall fail to hold such election at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election at another time; and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices of Master or Warden in any Lodge, upon the proper representation of the necessity therefor, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. But, in either of these cases, such dispensation shall

be issued only on the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor, to be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, and to be properly certified by the Secretary ; and of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.

205. No brother one year or over in arrears for dues shall be entitled to vote at an election, or hold office ; and every member not so in arrears shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge, except that of Master, for which only a brother who has been duly elected and installed as Warden of a Lodge shall be eligible, except by dispensation of the Grand Master ; provided that a brother who has not served as a Warden may be nominated as Worshipful Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

206. The Deacons and such other subordinate officers as the by-laws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed by the Master after his installation ; and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment. The Tyler shall be elected at the annual meeting by open vote.

207. No brother can hold two or more offices in the same Lodge at one and the same time.

208. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only ; therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein merely on account of seniority or rank. No Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. It is necessary, previous to the installation of the Master, that his election be confirmed ; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed, which may be as contained in the appendix to this Constitution, and such ceremony shall invest the W. Master elect with all the rights and privileges of an installed Master in this jurisdiction without taking any further or other degrees until time and circumstances are favor-

able to the conferring of same ; provided always that he must take the Past Master's degree before he can rank as a Past Master, and until he has received said degree he shall not be included as such in the Lodge returns required by Section 189 of the Constitution. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master ; and on the confirmation of that election, at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master will follow.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MASTER.

209. The Master is responsible that a book, or books, be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the Christian names in full, and surnames of the members of the Lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their admission or initiation, passing and raising ; their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their title, profession, or trade ; and also dates of death, suspensions, withdrawals and restorations ; together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

210. Every Master, before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs, and to preserve the land-marks of the Order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge and give evidence of his proficiency.

211. The Master of a Lodge is enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as he conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

212. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts, when required by any lawful authority.

**213.** The Master shall have power—

1st. To congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper.

2nd. To issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses or notices which may be required:

3rd. To discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge.

4th. To perform all such other acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

**214.** It shall be his duty—

1st. To preside at all meetings of his Lodge.

2nd. To confer all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by the Grand Lodge.

3rd. To give the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual.

4th. To examine the record of proceedings at each meeting of his Lodge, when fairly transcribed by the Secretary, and if found correct, subscribe his approval thereof.

5th. To superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge, and see that their respective duties are properly discharged.

6th. To carefully guard against any infraction, by the members of his Lodge, of its own by-laws, of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or the general regulations of Masonry.

7th. To see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged or lost; and in the event that

the Charter of the Lodge should ever be forfeited or surrendered, to preserve these things, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

215. A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

216. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

217. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution upon the Master of a Lodge, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion.

218. The Master of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge or any Board, committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and produce the Charter, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension, which shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

219. Any officer of a Lodge, except the Master, can be removed from office for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; if the Master, however, be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and in either case another must be elected or appointed in his place.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF WARDENS.

220. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties, and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

221. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden (and in his absence also, the Junior Warden) shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master, except conferring degrees.

222. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge until the next election of officers.

223. The Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

224. The Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge, or any board, committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and produce the Charter, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension, which shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

#### DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

225. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer—

1st. To receive and safely keep all moneys or property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by order of the Lodge.

2nd. To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master, duly attested by the Secretary.

3rd. To keep a book or books wherein a correct account of his receipts and disbursements shall be exhibited.

4th. To present a statement of the finances of the Lodge whenever required, and submit a yearly report at the annual meeting.

5th. To perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the by-laws may require or the Lodge may at any time direct.

#### DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

226. It shall be the duty of the Secretary—

1st. To record all the proceedings at each meeting, which it is proper should be written, under the direction of the Master, in a rough minute book to be kept for that purpose; and to submit such record to the Lodge at that meeting for approval or correction.

2nd. To transcribe, in accordance with the form in this Constitution, such proceedings from the rough minute book to the minute book, after they shall thus have been approved or corrected; and when thus transcribed and confirmed, at the next regular meeting, present them to the Master, for his approval and signature.

3rd. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Secretary, when required.

4th. To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge, and pay them over without delay to the Treasurer.

5th. To keep the seal of the Lodge, and to affix the same, with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

6th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed.

7th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary the semi-annual report required in such form as shall be provided.

8th. To report to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, suspensions, and restorations, in the forms provided.

9th. To transmit copies of all Lodge notices and summonses to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master (in whose district the Lodge is located) and the Grand Secretary.

10th. To notify all sister Lodges in the district of the rejection of all candidates for initiation and affiliation in accordance with sections number 249 and 259.

227. He shall keep the following books of the Lodge, in such forms as may be provided :—

1st. A minute book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written, in accordance with form of this Constitution, after the same shall have been approved as required by section 226, sub-section 2.

2nd. A book of by-laws, for the signature of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full.

3rd. A register, in which he shall record the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge ; the date of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation ; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members ; the age and occupation of each when received ; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration.

4th. A black book, in which he shall record the full name or names of those rejected, expelled, suspended or restored by any of the Lodges, so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof.

5th. An attendance register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which all members and visitors shall record their names and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge.

228. He shall also keep such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the book of Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, with all the printed proceedings thereof, as promulgated by its order, together with a duplicate copy of semi-annual returns sent to the Grand Secretary.

#### DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS

229. The Deacons, Tyler and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the craft and appertaining by their respective offices, as may be required by the by-laws or directed by the Master.

230. The Tyler may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

231. If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

#### LODGE JURISDICTION.

232. No Lodge shall receive and act upon the petition of any applicant for initiation whose residence may be nearer some other Lodge under this jurisdiction than the one to which application is made, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and the consent, by resolution in writing of such nearest Lodge, or in the case of a city or town, all Lodges having jurisdiction;

nor shall any Lodge act upon the petition of any such applicant who has been rejected within one year of such rejection, unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master; nor shall a petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry be received from any person who has not resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made, or produces a certificate of character from the nearest Lodge to the place of his previous residence; and such petition for initiation shall include the averment of the applicant that he has never before petitioned a Lodge; or if he has he shall give the name and location of said Lodge, and state what action was had on said petition, and when it occurred.

233. In cities or towns, where more than one Lodge exists, each Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

234. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and the consent, by a resolution, of that Lodge, which shall be signified in writing, except in a town or city where there is more than one Lodge, in which case each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge by the ordinary way of travel.

235. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition for degrees for a person who has not the required qualification of residence unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge by a unanimous vote by ballot, and should such dispensation be issued, the petition shall take the usual course of reference and ballot in the Lodge.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

##### HOW ACQUIRED.

236. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired:—

1st. By having regularly received the degree of Entered Apprentice therein.

- 2nd. By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.
- 3rd. By having been named in a dispensation for a new Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor.
- 4th. By the consolidation into one Lodge of two or more Lodges, of one of which he was a member.

237. No Mason shall be a member of more than one Lodge in this jurisdiction at the same time (except as an honorary or life member). This rule shall not, however, refer to brethren now members of more Lodges than one, so as to affect such membership, or to members of a Lodge U.D., but when a Charter is granted membership in one Lodge must terminate.

238. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge, unless the laws relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with.

#### HOW TERMINATED.

239. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated :—
  - 1st. By the dissolution of a Lodge.
  - 2nd. By the consolidation of the Lodge with another Lodge or other Lodges.
  - 3rd. By voluntary withdrawal therefrom, after proper notice given.
  - 4th. By acquiring membership in another Lodge.
  - 5th. By death, suspension or expulsion.
240. A member of a Lodge in good standing and whose dues are paid may withdraw at any time by making an application for such withdrawal at a regular meeting, and he shall receive a certificate of the fact of such withdrawal. Membership in the Lodge shall terminate upon the granting of a dimitt. No commendatory certificate shall be given a brother so withdrawing except by a special vote of the majority of the members of the Lodge then present.

241. The application for a dimit shall be made by a written petition signed by the applicant.

242. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the surrender of its charter, and whose dues shall have been paid, or remitted in whole or in part by the Board of General Purposes upon the recommendation of the Grand Master, are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as the regular dimit issued by an existing Lodge.

#### THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

243. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honorable fraternity, from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or enquiry made into their character and qualifications; and also, from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees; it is determined that in future, a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the offending Lodge to erasure, because no emergency can be allowed as a justification.

244. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a Mason in any Lodge, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, as hereinbefore provided; nor shall any dispensation suspend the operations of the law requiring seven days' notice, or committee of enquiry, or the ballot. Every candidate must be free born, and at the time of his initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or more of them.

245. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small or unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, nor even as a visitor, into any

regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other Masonic privileges, until he make due submission and obtain grace.

246. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws and the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, or whenever, at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing; and such certificate is to be produced at any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

247. No Lodge shall make a Mason, or admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions.

#### PETITIONS FOR AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

248. All applications for the degrees of Masonry shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, with name in full,\* and shall be in the form prescribed by this Constitution, and shall give the following information: -

1—Where born.

2.—Age.

3—Occupation.

4—Residence.

5.—Where he has resided for the year last past.

6—Whether he has presented his application to any other Lodge.

7—If so, to what Lodge or Lodges.

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\*Any individual who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the Order.

249. The petition must be recommended by two members of the Lodge, and be presented at a regular communication, accompanied with the fee required by the by-laws ; be referred to a committee of three members to be appointed by the Worshipful Master ; and lie over at least one month, or until said committee have made the necessary enquiry into the character of the candidate, and shall report thereon, unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution. After the petition has been referred to a committee it cannot be withdrawn except as provided in Section 268. After the committee has reported to the Lodge in his favor, he must be ballotted for, and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry in such Lodge : but should the report be unfavorable, he shall be considered a rejected candidate. The name in full, age, occupation, and residence of the candidate, together with the names of the brethren who recommended him, shall be sent to all the members in the notice for the next regular meeting, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. When more than one Lodge may be at work in the same district in this jurisdiction it shall be the duty of each one of such Lodges to communicate at once to her sister Lodges in the district the names in full and occupations of all persons whose applications for initiation may be rejected at any communication.

250. In case of emergency, the following alteration, as to the mode of proposing a candidate, is allowed. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit, in writing to the Master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency ; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall cause a notice to be issued to every member ; appoint a committee as before provided : and at the same time summon the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summonses, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate. If the candidate be then

accepted, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the Lodge.

251. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, a Lodge if, on the ballot, two black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present; the by-laws of each Lodge must, therefore, guide them in this respect, but if there be two black balls, such person cannot, on any pretence, be admitted.

252. Every candidate, on his initiation, and every member on his affiliation, shall solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft; he must sign the by-laws of the Lodge on his initiation or affiliation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

253. If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three degrees, and shall have received the first degree or the first and second degrees in one Lodge, and shall, at the request of such Lodge and on its behalf, receive the remaining degrees or degree in another Lodge, no petition, reference, or ballot shall be necessary in the last named Lodge, as the work will be done for the first, of which he will be deemed a member. But in no case shall the degree of Entered Apprentice be conferred by one Lodge at the request of another.

254. No Lodge shall confer the Entered Apprentice degree on more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting.

255. No Lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree before at least one month has elapsed since the conferring on him of the previous degree, ex-

cept by dispensation of the Grand Master, nor until, upon a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in that or those which he has already taken, and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those, or either of those degrees, unless by the official consent of such Lodge, if it then be in existence.

## PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

256. Petitions for membership shall be in the form prescribed by this Constitution; be signed by the applicant with names in full, and be accompanied by the dimitt or certificate of standing of the petitioner. In case the Lodge in which he was formerly a member shall not be in existence, or will not grant a dimitt until he has become affiliated, then he must produce a certificate setting forth these facts, with proper evidence to verify them, or in case he is an honorary or life member, then a certificate from the Lodge stating the fact.—If a brother has made reasonable efforts to obtain a certificate from the Lodge of which he is, or was formerly, a member, and has failed, the Board of General Purposes, upon the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the brother resides may, after thorough investigation, authorize the Lodge nearest which the brother resides to act upon his petition for affiliation.

257. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact, and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues paid, or remitted in whole or in part, as provided in Section 242.

258. If the petitioner be a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues from a Lodge since extinct, his application to the Grand Secretary for a certificate shall be accompanied by the amount

of his delinquent dues, and upon presentation of certificate from the Grand Secretary that his dues have been paid, or remitted in whole or in part, as provided in Section 242, he shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge.

259. The petition for membership shall give the following information :—

1.—Where born.

2.—Age.

3.—Occupation.

4.—Residence.

5.—Name and number of Lodge in which raised.

6.—Town and province, state or country in which Lodge meets.

It must be recommended by two members of the Lodge, and be presented at a regular communication, and be referred to a committee of three members to be appointed by the Worshipful Master, and lie over at least one month or until said committee shall make the necessary enquiries into the character of the petitioner, and shall report thereon. After the committee has reported to the Lodge in his favor, he must be balloted for, but should the report be unfavorable, he shall be considered rejected. The name in full, age, occupation, and residence of the applicant, the names of the brethren recommending him, and the name, number and location of the Lodge of which he is or has last been a member shall be sent to all the members in the notice for the next regular meeting. When more than one Lodge is at work in the same city or town it shall be the duty of each one of such Lodges to communicate at once to her sister Lodges in said city or town the names in full and occupations of all persons whose application for affiliation may be rejected at any meeting.

260. A brother rejected for affiliation may renew his application at any regular meeting to the same or any other Lodge in the jurisdiction.

261. No Lodge shall admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions.

#### HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

262. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may by a ballot of the Lodge be elected an honorary member of such Lodge. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

263. Private Lodges may, by by-law, admit their members to life membership on such terms as such Lodges may determine; provided that the Lodge shall pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt the Lodge from the payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

264. Upon such life member withdrawing from the Lodge, of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account, nor in case he becomes a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge.

265. Life and honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

#### BALLOTING.

266. No Member of a Lodge, when present, shall be excused or permitted to refrain from voting upon a ballot for affiliation or for the degrees of Masonry.

267. Any brother who shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware of how a brother voted, and mention it to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to suspension.

268. No application shall be withdrawn after reference to a committee, except as hereinafter provided in this section. If the report of the committee, be unfavorable, no ballot shall be had, but the Master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected. If the report be favorable, a ballot shall be had, and it shall require two or more black balls to reject, unless the by-laws of the Lodge provide that one black ball shall reject. If the ballot be not favorable, the Master, without declaring the result, may at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last; but in no case after one ballot has been had, shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge. If the committee find the applicant disqualified on account of insufficient residence, or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereon: in which case the Master may direct the withdrawal of the application without further action, and such direction shall be entered upon the record.

269. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected applicant, within less than twelve months after the date of such rejection, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge, by a unanimous vote by ballot.

270. No Lodge shall have more than one ballot for the three degrees.

## OBJECTIONS.

271. If, at any time before the initiation of a candidate, objection be made by any member, or if, after his initiation, but before being passed or after passing, before being raised, objection to his advancement be made by any member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to enquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next regular meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made, but subject to the provisions of Section 255.

272. From the decisions of the Master there shall be no appeal to the Lodge, but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master, and by him determined, subject to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

## FEES AND DUES.

273. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than twenty-five dollars, and in every case one half the fee for the degrees shall accompany the application, else such application shall not be received. Provided, however, that if the applicant has already received the first degree, or the first and second degrees in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his application for the remaining degrees or degree, shall be such proportion of the fee for all the degrees as the by-laws of the Lodge may prescribe. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master be first obtained.

274. The Master is to see that all moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer, and that the amount of fees or dues received

on account of, and payable to the Grand Lodge, is kept separate and distinct from the moneys belonging to the private fund of the Lodge. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the Lodge.

275. Every candidate initiated in a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is then liable for the regular Lodge dues.

276. By a vote of the Lodge, the dues of any member may be remitted.

#### VISITORS.

277. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known or recommended, or well vouched for, or after due examination by two or more well-skilled brethren present; nor, if there be in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge, nor until he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose: and during his continuance in the Lodge, he shall be subject to the by-laws of the Lodge. The Master of the Lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

278. The attention of the brethren is particularly called to the exercise of the greatest caution in vouching for brethren.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

279. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special licence and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

280. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the Lodges of Instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

281. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of all the brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, or the Lodge granting the sanction.

282. If a Lodge that has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction to be held under its warrant, shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction ; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

#### NON-AFFILIATED MASONS.

283. It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge, and every non-affiliated Mason who, having resided six months within this jurisdiction, shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall not be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund or to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of the Order, nor to Masonic burial, nor to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any Masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than twice during his secession from the craft.

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284. A Lodge can only be formed by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, or of a charter from the Grand Lodge ; and no charter shall be granted to any Lodge until it shall have worked at least four months under dispensation, and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of its Masonic capability.

285. Upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at the place therein to be named, with power to make Masons and receive members by affiliation ; and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new Lodge. But in no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest chartered Lodge (if from a town or city where where more than one Lodge exists, then from one of such Lodges) setting forth that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new Lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Order, and that a safe and suitable Lodge room will be provided therefor ; nor unless the petition shall be accompanied by a dimit or certificate of standing, of each petitioner, from the Lodge of which he was last a member, and by a certificate from the District Deputy Grand Master, declaring that the Master and Wardens proposed in such petition are fully competent properly to confer the three degrees of Masonry.

286. Such dispensation shall terminate upon the first day of the month in which the next succeeding annual communication of Grand Lodge shall be held ; and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the by-laws, book of records and returns of the new Lodge to that date.

287. Upon the return of the dispensation of a new Lodge as above, with a petition for a charter, if an examination of its work and proceedings shall prove satisfactory, and if it shall produce a certificate, as required in Section No. 285, that the Master and Wardens proposed are fully competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a charter to such Lodge, and assign it such name (but such name shall not be the name of a living person) and number on the registry as shall be deemed proper ; and such Lodge shall be duly constituted within sixty days thereafter. If the examination

be not satisfactory or such certificate and showing be not produced, the petition may be totally refused, or the continuance of the dispensation, until the next annual communication, may be ordered: but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

#### REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE AND PROXIES.

288. Should the Worshipful Master or Wardens be unable to attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under its seal, may delegate any Master or Past Master, entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, to represent their Lodge: but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge: no brother can represent as proxy more than one Lodge.

289. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for more than one year, the Master, Wardens, or other representatives of such Lodge shall not be permitted to attend any communication of the Grand Lodge as representatives until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

290. No brother shall be permitted to attend the annual communication of Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name as such shall have been duly returned to Grand Secretary's office.

291. The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens, or other representatives, before the communication of Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

292. Each Lodge may provide, in such manner as it may deem proper, for the payment of its officers or representatives in attending the communications of the Grand Lodge.

293. No Lodge, until chartered and duly constituted, shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; but a Lodge under dispensation may send delegates thereto, who may be admitted to seats, and be permitted to speak, but shall have no vote.

#### DISSOLUTION OF LODGES.

294. As every chartered Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a Charter; if therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the Charter ceases and becomes extinct.

295. No Lodge shall be erased, or its Charter declared forfeited, until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been warned in writing, of its offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made against it.

296. If the Charter of a Lodge be sold or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the Grand Master, such Charter shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

297. A Lodge may be dissolved—

1st. By the voluntary surrendered of its charter, when such surrender shall have been accepted by the Grand Lodge: or—

2nd. By the revocation of its charter by the Grand Lodge.

298. The charter of a Lodge may be surrendered if notice be given at a regular meeting that a resolution to that effect will be presented at the next succeeding one, and if, at such succeeding meeting, three-fourths at least of the members present are in favor of such resolution; but no such act of surrender shall be considered final until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Lodge.

299. No such resolution, however, shall be considered unless the same shall have been inserted in the summons, and the summons regularly sent to each member of the Lodge.

300. The charter of a Lodge may be forfeited -

1st. By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master.

3rd. By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the craft.

4th. By receiving applicants known to be unworthy, or refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members.

5th. By failure to meet during a period of twelve successive months.

301. No charter shall be forfeited unless charges against the Lodge shall have been presented to and investigated in the Grand Lodge, of which the Lodge accused shall have due notice ; though the same may be arrested until the next annual communication, either by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown.

302. The forfeiture or arrest of the charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except those who may be specially declared exempted from such effect.

303. The surrender or forfeiture of the charter of a Lodge, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members ; and all the authority granted by such charter, together with all the records, funds, jewels, furniture, dues, and property of such Lodge of every kind, shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

## CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

304. Should any two Lodges by resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of each Lodge, express a wish to amalgamate, the Grand Lodge may sanction such amalgamation upon petition by such Lodges, and on such terms as may have been agreed upon by the said Lodges, or as Grand Lodge itself may determine. Provided, however, that no resolution having in view any such amalgamation shall be proposed, except at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and after one month's notice thereof has been given, and the resolution itself placed upon the summons and addressed to each member of the Lodge.

305. The amalgamated Lodge may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the charter and seal of that Lodge; or it may bear the name of one and the number of the other Lodge, or it may be called by another name and retain the number of one of the component Lodges, and shall in either of such latter cases receive a new charter, and provide a new seal; or it may have an endorsement of the authorization of the amalgamation by the Grand Lodge made upon the charter of one of the component Lodges.

## LODGE SEAL.

306. All documents or papers of every kind whatsoever, emanating from a chartered Lodge, or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of its seal, or be considered null and of no effect.

307. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary whenever changed.

## LODGE PROPERTY.

308. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of said Lodge.

## CERTIFICATES.

309. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the Lodge.

310. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered on the books of the Grand Lodge as having been made a Master Mason, for which certificate the Lodge shall pay two dollars. Each Lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the Masons whom it has initiated, passed and raised, shall, in addition to the registration fee and half-yearly dues, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

311. Every brother, to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Worshipful Master or the Secretary of the Lodge.

312. No brother shall receive a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master.

313. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the dates on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

314. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can, on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

315. No Lodge shall grant a private Lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary and except also such certificate as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement from a Lodge for the purpose of evidence of standing. Nor shall a Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a private Lodge certificate.

#### PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

316. No public procession shall on any pretence be allowed, without the permission of the Grand Master, except a Masonic funeral, the urgency of which will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with him. Such proceeding shall be immediately reported by the Master of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary.

317. If any brother shall attend as a Mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any public procession, or at any public meeting, except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Lodge ; and also be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

318. Any Lodge which has been established by Charter from this Grand Lodge, in any territory in which a Grand Lodge did not then exist, and which does not take part in the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within said territory, shall thereby forfeit said Charter and all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, unless within one year after the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within such territory, the said Lodge shall become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of the territory within which it is situated.

319. No Lodge or Mason shall hold Masonic communication with any Lodge which has been declared illegal by the Grand Lodge, or with any person who has received degrees in, or is a member of, such a Lodge.

320. No Mason shall hold any Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason, with an illegal Lodge, with any person who has received degrees therein or is a member thereof, nor with any Mason not acknowledged as such by the Grand Lodge.

321. No brother shall presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Master. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge, by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not Masons are permitted to be present.

322. The majority of the members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his Lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority; and then only by permission of the Worshipful Master.

323. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Lodge in this Constitution, its charter may be suspended or forfeited; and for the neglect or violation of any duty herein imposed upon a Secretary, his Lodge shall be held responsible.

## OF DEFINITIONS.

324. The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions: -

325. GRAND MASTER. - This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master.

326. MASTER. - This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Master.

327. PAST MASTER. - This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed, and has served a term as Master of a chartered Lodge.

328. REPRESENTATIVE. - The representative of a Lodge within this jurisdiction is one who, in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been duly elected by the Lodge, at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, to represent it at the next communication.

329. VACANCY. - Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in the Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation, removal from the jurisdiction, resignation, suspension or expulsion.

330. JURISDICTION. - The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of this Province, and the districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and all Lodges, and their members without this jurisdiction, acting under its authority.

The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members, wherever residing, and all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this province, except in towns or cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members, and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of one of such Lodges who reside in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

331. REGULATION. —By a regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

332. SUSPENSIONS. —The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its charter and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge, until again authorized so to do by competent authority ; and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect.

The suspension of a Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he is restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges, as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

333. EXPULSION. —The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Order, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he be restored by the Grand Lodge.

334. NOTIFICATION. —A notification or notice is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, or to perform some specific duty therein set forth ; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction if he can, without great inconvenience, do so.

335. SUMMONS. —A summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master, or by other competent authority, as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute, and the penalty for disobedience may be expulsion, unless it shall be

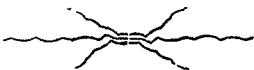
shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity. It shall be either written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the brother to be notified, by the Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for that purpose. If this cannot conveniently be done, it shall be mailed, registered, post paid, addressed to him at his last known place of residence ; and this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

336. REGULAR MEETING.—The regular meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business may be done, with the exceptions specified in the Constitution. It shall be designated as such in the by-laws of each Lodge, and no emergent meeting shall ever be considered as a part of any such regular meeting.

337. The word month, whenever it occurs in this Constitution, shall be held to mean lunar month.

#### AMENDMENTS.

338. The Grand Lodge shall have full power and authority to make such amendments, alterations and additions to this Constitution at any regular communication, as it shall think proper and expedient for the benefit of the craft under the regulations hereinbefore provided.



## APPENDIX A.

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### The Charges of a Freemason.

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#### THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON.

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.
- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
- VI. Of Behavior, viz :
  1. In the Lodge while constituted.
  2. After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
  3. When Brethren meet without strangers, but not in a Lodge formed.
  4. In the presence of strangers not Masons.
  5. At home and in your neighborhood.
  6. Towards a stranger brother.
- VII. Antient Charges—To the Master-Elect.

# The Charges of a Freemason, Etc.

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## I. --CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure, to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth : for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love ; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus, Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

## II. OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheer-

fully to conform to every lawful authority ; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaccableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

### III. --OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place ; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of masons is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times, no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons and admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

### IV. --OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised ; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him ; and unless he be

a PERFECT YOUTH, HAVING NO MAIN OR DEFECT IN HIS BODY, that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs ; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being the warden, and then the master of the Lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part of a fellowcraft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden, nor grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor grand master unless he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

*N.B.—In antient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the lodge.*

#### V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days ; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen, shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer of the lord's work ; who is to be called master by those who work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow ; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master knowing himself to be able of cunning shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible ; and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own ; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey ; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work if he be capable to finish the same ; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit ; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry, nor shall freemasons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity ; nor shall they teach laborers and unaccepted Masons, as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

#### VI.—ON BEHAVIOUR, viz. :

##### I.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversation, without leave from the master, nor to talk of anything impertinently, or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens, or any brother speaking to the master ; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn ; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever ; but to pay due reverence to your master, wardens and fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless

you carry them by appeal to the grand lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made ; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2. —BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND  
THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as masons, of the universal religion above mentioned ; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3. —BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT  
STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE  
FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason ; for although all masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before ; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4. —BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT  
MASONs.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated ; and sometimes you shall divert to a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the worst ipful fraternity.

5. BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man ; particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the lodge, etc. : but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are passed : and by avoiding gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

## 6. -BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGER BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly ; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability ; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good man and true, before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally.—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way ; cultivating brotherly love ; the foundation and cape-stone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity ; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge ; and from thence you may appeal to the grand lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation ; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided ; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of the masters and fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all w suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with the more

alacry and success ; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation ; which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren ; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process or lawsuit, without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, *so mote it be.*

*Summary of the ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be  
read by the Grand Secretary, (or acting Secretary) to the  
MASTER-ELECT, prior to his installation into the chair of  
the Lodge.*

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1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law,
2. You are to be a peaceable subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren, and faithful to your lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of the society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the grand master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the grand lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or any body of men, to make innovation in the body of masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the grand lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without the permission of the grand master; and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or any person initiated therein; and that no public processions of masons clothed with the badges of the order can take place without the special license of the grand master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a free-mason, or admitted a member of any lodge, without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the grand lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular lodge.

At the conclusion, the grand master or installing officer addresses the master-elect, as follows:—"Do you submit to and "promise to support these charges and regulations, as masters "have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative, the ceremony of installation proceeds.

## THE CHARGES.

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### CHARGES TO THE NEWLY INITIATED CANDIDATE.

As you have now passed through the ceremonies of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests--*the practice of every social and moral virtue*: and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age, monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art: have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and joined our assemblies. As a Mason I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbour and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support; to your neighbor by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you should wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society ; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection ; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land ; ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you ; temperance chasten you ; fortitude support you ; and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments *benevolence and charity*.

Still, however, as a Mason there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed ; among the foremost of these are *secrecy, fidelity and obedience*.

*Secrecy* may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your *fidelity* must be exemplified by a strict observance of the Constitutions of the fraternity ; by adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order ; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your *obedience* be proved by a close conformity to all our laws and regulations ; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses ; by modest and correct demeanor whilst in the lodge ; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion ; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed

by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament in the society of which you have been this day admitted a member ; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of *truth*, of *honor* and of *virtue*.

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#### CHARGE TO THE NEWLY PASSED CANDIDATE.

*Brother*,—Being advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties, which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience must have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe, that as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration,—which is established as a basis of our art. Geometry or

Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine or moral nature enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren ; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a craftsman, in our private assemblies you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers ; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society ; and like a skilful craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit ; supply the wants and relieve the necessity of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a craftsman ; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

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#### CHARGE TO THE NEWLY RAISED CANDIDATE.

*Brother*,—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made, and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your

younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your own behaviour, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usages.

Duty, honor and gratitude, now bind you to your trust ; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

## PRAYERS.

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### INVOCATION--FIRST DEGREE.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry, may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our Masonic art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name.—*So mote it be.*

### INVOCATION--SECOND DEGREE.

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts.—*So mote it be.*

### INVOCATION—THIRD DEGREE.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason; endue him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression, to shine as the stars for ever and ever.—*So mote it be.*

## APPENDIX B.

### CEREMONIES.

#### THE GRAND HONORS.

The grand honors are as follows:—

*Nine* for grand master and for past grand masters.

*Seven* for deputy grand master, district deputy grand masters, past deputy grand masters, and past district deputy grand masters.

*Five* for all other elected grand officers, and elected past grand officers, and

*Three* for all other distinguished brethren.

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### CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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After confirmation of the minutes, so far as relates to the election of master, the installing master assumes the chair and gavel, and opens the lodge in the second degree.

*I. M.*.—“Brethren, are you still satisfied with your choice of worshipful master of your lodge?”

*The brethren replying in the affirmative, the I. M. addressing the P. M. who is to present the candidate for the chair, says:—*

“Brother P. M.——, has the master elect been examined, and has he been found well skilled in our noble science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries?”

*P. M.*.—“He has, W. Sir (or V. W. Sir or R. W. Sir.)”

*I. M.*—“ You will now present him to me.”

*The candidate is placed in front of the altar.*

*P. M.*—“ W. Sir, I present to you this my worthy brother . . . . ., the master elect of this lodge, to receive at your hands the benefit of installation, the better to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of his high and important office. I know him to be of good morals and of great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth.”

*I. M.*—“ Brother (naming him) : from time immemorial it has been an established custom among free and accepted masons, for each lodge, once in every year, at a stated period, to select from among those brethren who have served the office of warden, an expert craftsman to preside over them in the capacity of master. He must have been regularly elected by the master, wardens and fellows in open lodge assembled, and must have been presented to a board of installed masters for examination.”

NOTE.—If it is the first installation then add: “To this rule exception only can be made in case of the first worshipful master of a new lodge, it being the prerogative of the grand lodge in its discretion to appoint any brother master mason as the master of a new Lodge.”

*I. M.*—“ You having been so elected and presented, I claim your attention while I recite to you those qualifications which are essential in every candidate for that high office.”

NOTE.—If it is the first installation say “appointed” instead of “elected.”

“ He ought to be of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation by his brethren and fellows.

“ He must have been regularly initiated, passed and raised in the three established degrees, be a lover of our noble science, and have duly served the office of warden in a warranted lodge.

NOTE.—If it is the first installation, omit the latter qualification.

“ He ought to be exemplary of conduct, courteous in manner, easy in address, but steady and firm in principle, and able and willing to undertake the management of the work, and well skilled in the antient charges, regulations and landmarks.

“Can you, my brother, conscientiously undertake the duties of master of this lodge under these qualifications?”

*Candidate*—“I can.”

*I. M.*—“Then I shall direct your attention to the secretary while he reads to you a summary of the antient charges and regulations, to each of which your unqualified assent is required, which you will signify by the sign of fidelity, at the same time bending the head forward in token of submissson.”

*Secretary reads the charges from the book of constitution*

*I. M.*—“Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations, as masters have done in all ages?”

*Candidate*—“I do.”

*I. M.*—“Then you will advance to the altar, and take an obligation as regards your duties as master of this lodge.

“You will K. on your R. K., place your R. H. on the V. O. T. S. L., repeat your several names, and say after me:—

O. B.

“I, (name in full) in the presence of the G. A. O. T. U. and this W. W. and W. lodge of F. C. F. Ms., duly constituted, regularly assembled, and properly dedicated, of my own free will and accord, do hereby and hereon solemnly agree to accept the office of master of this lodge, denominated the .....lodge, and numbered.....on the register of the grand lodge, and the duties of that high office faithfully, zealously and impartially to administer to the best of my skill and ability for the ensuing twelve months, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in my stead.

“I furthermore solemnly promise that I will not, during my term of office or at any time a lodge shall be under my direction, permit or suffer any deviation from the established usages, customs and landmarks.

“That I will not administer or cause or suffer to be administered any rite or ceremony contrary to, or subversive of our ancient institutions; but on the contrary, that I will support, uphold and maintain, pure and unsullied, the genuine tenets and principles of the craft.

"That I will observe and to the utmost of my power and ability strictly enforce obedience to those charges and regulations to which I have already given my assent, to the by-laws of this lodge and the statutes and ceremonies of the grand lodge; and that I will in all things conscientiously discharge my duties as a ruler in the craft and master of this lodge. So help me God and keep me steadfast in this my great and solemn O. B."

*I. M. directs the candidate to seal the O. B. on the V. O. T. S. L. twice; this being done.*

*I. M.—*"You will now arise and take your seat among the brethren."

*I. M.—*"All brethren not M. Ms. will now retire."

This being done *the lodge is opened in the third degree.*

*I. M.—*"All brethren, who are not installed masters, will now retire except the worshipful master elect."

*A board of installed masters is then opened, the ceremony of installation continued, and the board of installed masters closed.*

The master masons are now called in, they form a procession, led by the past master, and the brethren salute the new master by giving the P.S. of a M.M. in passing the chair, saying: "I greet you."

*I. M. taking his station in the E. proclaims:*

"Brethren, for the first time in the E., I proclaim W. brother (naming him) the worshipful master of this lodge, denominated the ..... and numbered ..... on the register of the grand lodge, for the ensuing twelve months and until his successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead."

*The brethren then greet the new W. M. as master masons.*

*I. M.—*"I now present you with the *working tools of a master mason*, which are the *skirret, pencil and compasses*.

“The *skirret* is an implement which acts on a centre pin, from which a line is drawn to mark out the ground for the foundation of the intended structure.

“With the *pencil* the skilful artist delineates the building in a draft or plan for the instruction and guidance of the workmen.

“The *compasses* enable him with accuracy and precision to ascertain and determine the limits and proportions of its several parts.

“But as we are not operative but speculative or F. & A. masons, we apply these tools to our morals, in this sense: The *skirret* points out to us that straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down for our guidance in the V. O. T. S. L.

“The *pencil* teaches us that all our words and actions are not only observed but are recorded by the M. H. to whom we must render an account of our conduct through life.

“The *compasses* remind us of His unerring and impartial justice, which having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, will either reward or punish us as we have obeyed or disregarded His divine commands.

“Thus, W. Sir, the working tools of a master mason teach us to bear in mind and to act according to the laws of the Divine Creator, so that when we shall be summoned from this sublunary abode, we may ascend to the grand lodge above, where the world’s Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever.”

*The lodge is now closed in the third degree, and the fellow crafts are admitted; a second procession is formed led by the past master, and the brethren salute the new master by giving the P.S. of a F.C. in passing the chair, saying: “I hail you”*

*I M. taking his station in the W. proclaims:*

“Brethren, for the second time in the W. I proclaim brother (naming him) the worshipful master of this lodge, denominated the . . . . . lodge and numbered . . . . on the register of the grand lodge for the ensuing twelve months, and until his successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead.”

*The brethren then greet the new W.M. as fellowcrafts.*

*I. M. returning to the East.*

“I now present you with the *working tools of a fellow-craft* mason, which are the *square*, the *level* and the *plumb-rule*”

“The *square* is to try and adjust all rectangular corners of buildings and assist in bringing rude matter into due form.

“The *level* is to try levels and to prove horizontals.

“The *plumb-rule* is to try and adjust all uprights, whilst fixing them on their proper bases.

“But as we are not all operative, but rather F. & A. or speculative masons, we apply these tools to our morals.

“The *square* teaches us to regulate our life and actions by the masonic rule and line, and to correct and harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue, so as to render us acceptable to the Divine Being, whence all goodness emanates, and to whom we must give an undisguised account of our lives and actions.

“The *level* demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, are partakers of the same nature, and share in the same hope; and although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination and to reward merit and ability, yet no eminence of station in life should make us forgetful that we are brothers, and that he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune’s wheel, is equally entitled to our regard; because the time will most assuredly come, and the best and wisest know not how soon, when all distinctions, save those of goodness and virtue, shall cease, and death, the grand leveller of all human greatness, shall reduce us all to the same level.

“The infallible *plumb-rule*, which like Jacob’s Ladder, forms a line of union between Heaven and Earth, is the criterion of moral rectitude and truth.

“It teaches us to walk uprightly and with humility before God, neither turning to the right hand nor to the left from the strict path of virtue, is a duty incumbent upon every mason.

“ Not to be an enthusiast, a persecutor, slanderer or reviler of religion ; neither bending towards avarice, injustice, malice, or the envy and contempt of our fellow creatures ; but giving up every selfish propensity which might tend to injure others ; and steering the bark of this life over the rough seas of passion without quitting the helm of rectitude, is one of the highest degrees of perfection to which human nature is capable of attaining. ”

“ As the builder raises his column by the level and plumb rule, so ought every mason to carry himself uprightly in this life, to observe a due medium between avarice and profusion, between intemperance and pleasure, to hold the scales of justice with an equal poise, so as to make all his passions and prejudices coincide with the exact lines of his duty, and in every pursuit to have eternity in view. ”

“ Thus the square teaches morality, and the level equality, and the plumb rule justness and uprightness of life and action ; so that by square conduct, level steps, and upright intentions, we may hope to ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. ”

*The lodge is now closed in the second degree, and the entered apprentices admitted; a third procession is formed, led by the past master, and the brethren salute the new master by giving the P.S. of an E.A. in passing the chair, saying: “ I OBEY YOU. ”*

*I. M. taking his station in the S. proclaims :*

“ Brethren, for the third time in the S. I proclaim brother (naming him) the worshipful master of this lodge, denominated the . . . . . lodge, and numbered . . . . . on the register of the grand lodge, for the ensuing twelve months, and until his successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead. ”

*The brethren then give the grand honors thrice*

*I. M. returns to the East:—*

“ I now present you with the working tools of an entered apprentice, which are the *twenty-four inch guage*, the *common gavel*, and the *chisel*. ”

“ The *twenty-four inch guage* is the first implement put into the hands of the workman to enable him to measure and ascertain the size and extent of the work he is about to engage in, thus to compute the time and labor it may cost,

“ The *common gavel* is an important instrument of labor, and highly esteemed as an implement of art. Though recognized by various artists under different appellations, it is yet admitted by them all that no work of manual skill can be completed without it.

“ The *chisel* is a small instrument, though solid in its form, and of such exquisite temper as fully to compensate for the diminutiveness of its size. It is calculated to make an impression on the hardest substances, and the mightiest structures have been indebted for their fine polish to its aid.

“ But as we have met on this present occasion as speculative rather than operative masons, it is the moral conveyed in these emblems that we are called upon more particularly to regard.

“ From the *twenty-four inch guage* we derive a lesson of daily admonition and instruction ; for as it is divided into twenty-four parts, it recalls to our mind the division of the day into twenty-four hours, and directs us to apportion them to their proper objects, namely, prayer, labor, refreshment and sleep.

“ From the *common gavel* we learn that skill without exertion is of but little avail ; that labor is the lot of man, for the heart may conceive and the head devise in vain if the hand be not prompt to execute the design.

“ From the *chisel* we learn that perseverance is necessary to establish perfection ; that the rude material receives its fine polish but from repeated efforts alone, and that nothing short of indefatigable exertion can induce the habit of virtue, enlighten the mind, and render the soul pure.

“ From the whole we deduce this moral : That knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labor and prompted by perseverance, will finally overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair, and establish happiness in the paths of science.

“ I also present you with the *book of constitution*, together with the *charter*, the *by-laws*, and the *minute book* of your lodge.”

NOTE.—If it is the first installation, leave out “the by-laws,” if such have not yet been confirmed by the grand master.

*I. M.*—“Charters, you are aware, have passed through the hands of many talented and highly esteemed brethren, and we feel assured that in committing this charter to your care, its value will be properly appreciated. It must always be present when the lodge is duly opened, as without it the meeting would be illegal.”

*I. M.* *delivers the following charge from the N. E.*

“Worshipful master, the brethren have committed the government of this lodge to your care, and you can neither be insensible to the duties which devolve upon you as their head, nor of your responsibility for the faithful discharge of the same.

“The honor, reputation, and usefulness of this lodge will materially depend upon the skill and ability with which you manage its affairs, while the happiness of the brethren will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal and assiduity with which you promulgate the genuine tenets and principles of the fraternity.

“As a pattern for your imitation, consider that glorious luminary of nature, which regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its sphere. In like manner it will be your province to communicate light and instruction to the brethren of your lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of freemasonry, and charge them to practice *out* of the lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated in it, so that when any one is said to be a mason, the world at large may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.

“In short, worshipful sir, by a diligent observance of the B. of C, and the by-laws of your lodge, but above all the V. O. T. S. L., which is given as a rule and guide to our faith, you will be enabled to discharge the duties of your office with honor and reputation, and laying up for yourself a crown of joy and rejoicing which shall never fade away, but shall continue when time shall be no more.”

*I. M.*—“You will now be pleased to enter upon the immediate exercise of the duties of your office by naming and appointing the elective and other officers of the lodge, that they may be severally inducted and invested.”

*The past masters now leave the warden's chairs, the jewels are placed on the dais, and the worshipful master invests the officers, commencing with the senior warden.*

*The worshipful master or the installing master then proceeds as follows:—*

*I. M.*—Brother (naming him), you have been elected senior warden of this lodge, and I invest you with the jewel of your office.

“The *level*, being an emblem of equality, points out the equal measures you are bound to pursue in conjunction with the worshipful master, in the well ruling and governing of the lodge.

“Your regular attendance at our stated meetings is essentially necessary, as in the absence of the worshipful master, you are to rule the lodge, and in his presence assist him in the government of it.

“I firmly rely on your knowledge of the art; and on your attachment to the lodge, for a faithful discharge of the duties of your office. Look well to the west.”

*I. M.*—“Brother (naming him), you have been elected junior warden of this lodge, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

“The *plumb-rule* being an emblem of uprightness, points out the integrity of measures you are bound to pursue in conjunction with the worshipful master and senior warden in the well ruling and governing of the lodge.

“To you is entrusted (with such assistance as may be necessary) the examination of visitors and the introduction of candidates.

“To you is also committed the superintendence of the craft during the hours of refreshment.

“Your regular and punctual attendance is particularly requested, and I have no doubt you will faithfully execute every duty which you owe to your present election. Look well to the south.”

## CHARGE TO THE WARDENS.

*I. M.*—“Brother wardens, you are both too expert in the principles of freemasonry to require much information as to the duties of your respective offices; suffice it to mention that what you have seen praiseworthy in others, it is expected you will carefully imitate, and what in them may to you have appeared defective, you will in yourself amend. Good order and regularity you must endeavor to promote, and by a due regard to the laws in your own conduct, enforce obedience in the conduct of others.”

*I. M.*—“Brother . . . . you have been elected chaplain of this lodge, and I have great pleasure in investing you with this jewel. You are too well acquainted with your duties for me to offer any remarks.

“I congratulate the lodge on your election.”

“Brother . . . . you have been elected treasurer of this lodge, and I have much pleasure in investing you with this jewel.

“It will be your province to keep a just account of the receipts and expenditures, which we fully believe will be done to the entire satisfaction of every member.”

“Brother . . . . you have been elected secretary of this lodge, and I now invest you with this jewel.

“It is your duty to record the proceedings of the lodge, proper to be written, collect the subscriptions and issue summonses for the assembling of the brethren. Your good inclination to freemasonry, and to this lodge in particular, will no doubt induce you to discharge the duties of your office with fidelity, and by so doing you will merit the esteem and applause of your brethren.”

“Brothers . . . . , you have been respectively appointed senior deacon and junior deacon of this lodge, and I now invest you with the jewels of your office.

“It is your duty to attend the worshipful master, and assist the wardens in the active duties of the lodge, such as in the reception of candidates in the different degrees, and in the immediate practice of our rites and ceremonies.

“ These wands, the badges of your office, I entrust to your care, not doubting your vigilance and attention.”

“ Brother . . . . . , you have been appointed director of ceremonies, and Brothers . . . . . and . . . . . you have been appointed stewards of this lodge, and I now invest you with the jewels of your respective offices.

“ Your duties are to introduce visitors and see that they are properly accommodated, and generally to attend to any ceremonies the lodge may take part in.

“ The duties of the stewards are also to prepare the candidates. Your regular attendance will afford the best proof of your zeal and attachment.

“ Brother . . . . . , you have been appointed organist of this lodge, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

“ It is your province to conduct and preside over the musical part of our ceremonies, your early attendance being indispensable.”

“ Brother . . . . . you have been appointed inner guard of this lodge. I hereby invest you with the jewel of your office, and deliver you this sword as the instrument of your office.

“ Your duty is to admit masons upon proof, receive candidates in due form, and obey the commands of the junior warden.

“ Brother . . . . . , you have been elected tyler of this lodge, and I hereby invest you with the jewel of your office : and deliver you this sword as the instrument of your office.

“ Your duty is to keep off all cowans and intruders from masonry, and see that the candidates for admission come properly prepared.

“ It is also your province to see that all brethren and visitors have properly registered their names before entering the lodge.”

*The installing master delivers, in conclusion of the ceremony, a general charge.*

*The following may either be given in full, or the whole or portions of that part thereof which is between the first*

*paragraph, which ends with the word "happiness" and the last paragraph which commences with the word "finally," may be omitted at the option of the installing master.*

#### GENERAL CHARGE.

*I. M.*—“Brethren, such is the nature of our institution, that while some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The brethren elected and appointed to assist in the government of the lodge are too well acquainted with the principles of freemasonry and the rules of propriety to exceed the power with which they are intrusted, and you are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment. I therefore shall trust that we have but one aim, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

“Masonry, my brethren, according to the general acceptance of the term, is an art, founded on the principles of geometry, and directed to the service and convenience of mankind; but freemasonry, embracing a wider range, and having a nobler object in view, namely the cultivation and improvement of the human mind, may with more propriety be styled a science, inasmuch as availing itself of the term of the former, it inculcates the principles of the purest morality, though its lessons are chiefly veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. To draw aside this veil, therefore, or more properly speaking, to penetrate through it, is the object of rulers in freemasonry; and by a careful and appropriate attention to them, we may hope ultimately to become acquainted with all its mysteries.

“Freemasonry from its origin to the present time in all its vicissitudes, has been the steady, unvarying friend of man. It has (in the language of an eloquent brother) gone forth from age to age, the constant messenger of peace and love; never weary, never forgetful of its holy mission, patiently ministering to the relief of want and sorrow, and scattering with unsparing hands blessings and benefits to all around. It comforts the mourner, it speaks peace and consolation to the troubled spirit, it carries relief and gladness to the habitations of want and destitution, it dries the tears of the widow and orphan, it opens the source of knowledge, it widens the sphere of human happiness, it even

seeks to light up the darkness and gloom of the grave by pointing to the hopes and promises of a better life to come. All this freemasonry has done and is still doing. Such is freemasonry, and such its mission ; and we should never forget, while enjoying its benefit and appreciating its value, the duties we owe to the order ; for there is no right without a parallel duty, no liberty without the supremacy of the law, no high destiny without earnest perseverance, and no real greatness without self-denial.

“ A freemason’s lodge is the temple of peace, harmony and brotherly love ; nothing is allowed to enter which has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuit. A calm enquiry into the beauty of wisdom and virtue, and the study of moral geometry, constitute the chief employments in the tyled recesses of the lodge. The lessons of virtue which proceed from the east, like rays of brilliant light from the rising sun, illuminate the west and the south, and as the work proceeds, are carefully imbibed by the workmen. Thus, while wisdom contrives the plan, strength lends its able support to the moral fabric, and beauty adorns it with curious and cunning workmanship. All this is accomplished without any compulsory or coercive means, but on the principle of friendship and brotherly love, which guards the precincts of our temple that nothing may enter to disturb the peaceful sanctity of that holy place.

“ The object, however, of meeting in the lodge, is of a two-fold nature, namely, moral instruction and social intercourse. Our meetings are intended to cultivate and enlighten the mind, to induce a habit of virtue, and to strengthen the fundamental principles of our order : brotherly love, relief and truth. And if these meetings are blended with social mirth, and a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings, then freemasonry will be shown in its true light, as an institution which fosters and improves the best affections of our nature, and carries into active operation the practice of the four cardinal virtues : temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, combined with the theological virtues : faith, hope and charity, thereby demonstrating to the world at large that in freemasonry is found the true import of the three great social treasures : fraternity, liberty and equality. Therefore, the utmost extension of fraternal feeling and affection which can subsist between man and man is expected to be displayed amongst the brethren of our order in a freemason’s lodge, and then will be attained the chief point in freemasonry, namely, to endeavor to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others.”

Before I conclude, my brethren, let me portray to you the ideal of a freemason :

“ If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life ; who without blemish fulfils his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father ; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellow-men without self-interest ; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger :

“ The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity ; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master ; who feels and adores the higher destination of man ; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning ; to whom property, nay, even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defence of truth ;

“ The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor ; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to propagate intelligence without precipitation ; who properly understands to estimate and employ his means ; who honors virtue though it be in the most humble garment, and who does not favor vice though it be clothed in purple ; and who administers justice to merit, whether dwelling in palaces or cottages :

“ The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors, and revered by his subordinates ; the man that never proclaims what he has done, will do, can do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, but who then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good ;

“ If you, my brethren, meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth ; and you will have found the ideal of a freemason.

“ Finally, my brethren, as our fraternity has been formed and perfected in perfect unanimity and concord, in which we all greatly rejoice, so may it continue until time shall be no more.

May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly love distinguish your conduct as men and masons. Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. And may the genuine tenets of our time-honored institution be transmitted through your lodges pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

*Response by the brethren:* "So mote it be."

NOTE.—Should the grand master and grand officers be in the several chairs, then the worshipful master of the lodge, upon being installed, is placed into a chair in front of the dais in the east, and the wardens of the lodge are inducted into chairs placed in front of the grand senior warden and grand junior warden respectively.

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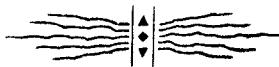
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